Audio-Visual Education in Navodaya Schools

1975. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is the only State to introduce "Audio-Visual Education" in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce the same in the Navodaya Schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) While efforts have been made in many States to use educational technology including mass media and audio-visual aids, in support of education, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have recently initiated a programme of video-based teaching in a select number of schools.

(b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme provides for Audio Visual Education in the Navodaya Vidyalayas.

National highways in Andhra Pradesh

1976. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since the creation of National Highways System in the country no roads have been added to the national highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Highways System in the country is based on the formula that the length of national highways in the State should be equal to area of the State divided by 50;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the above formula the length of national highways in Andhra Pradesh has to be 5,540 Kms.;

(d) what is the existing length of national highways in the State; and

(e) whether the existing length of national highways is less than 5,540 kms. in Andhra Pradesh, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), to (e) Out of the total length aggregating to 32,138 Kms. in the country at present, Andhra Pradesh is having a length of 2299 Kms. Roads are classified as National HHighways not on the basis of any area, region, State, population, wise or any formula but are strictly governed by fulfilment of criteria laid down for new National Highways, requirements projected by various State Governments, proximity of other National Highways and the availability of funds for the purpose etc.

New electronic exchange in Delhi

1977. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons are awaiting telephone connections in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications is contemplating to instal new electronic exchange in Delhi during 1987-88; and

(d) if so, what are the areas where these exchanges will be installed and what would be the capacity of these exchanges?